

CHAPTER 1086

WEATHER MODIFICATION

S. F. 260

AN ACT relating to weather modification in counties.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 SECTION 1. As used in this Act, unless the context otherwise re-
2 quires:

3 1. "Agricultural land" means any tract of land of ten acres or
4 more used for agricultural or horticultural purposes.

5 2. "Public agency" means public agency as defined in section twenty-
6 eight E point two (28E.2) of the Code.

7 3. "Private agency" means private agency as defined in section
8 twenty-eight E point two (28E.2) of the Code.

1 SEC. 2. The county board of supervisors shall, upon receipt of a
2 petition signed by at least one hundred owners and tenants of agri-
3 cultural land located in the county, establish a weather modification
4 board consisting of five members appointed by the board of supervi-
5 sors for three-year terms, except that two members of the initial board
6 shall be appointed for two-year terms. In the case of a vacancy,
7 the appointment shall be made for the unexpired term. The members
8 of the board shall organize annually by the election of a chairman and
9 vice-chairman. Meetings shall be held at the call of the chairman or
10 at the request of a majority of the members of the board. A major-
11 ity vote of the members of the board shall be required to determine
12 any matter relating to their duties.

1 SEC. 3. The weather modification board may:

2 1. Investigate and study the feasibility of artificial weather modi-
3 fication for the county.

4 2. Develop and administer an artificial weather modification pro-
5 gram.

6 3. Contract with any public or private agency as provided in chap-
7 ter twenty-eight E (28E) of the Code to carry out an artificial weather
8 modification program.

9 4. Request the county board of supervisors to conduct a referen-
10 dum authorizing the levy and collection of a tax, not to exceed two
11 cents per acre on agricultural land in the county, for the administra-
12 tion of an artificial weather modification program.

13 5. Accept, receive, and administer grants, funds, or gifts from
14 public or private agencies to develop or administer an artificial
15 weather modification program.

1 SEC. 4. There is created in the office of county treasurer of each
2 county having a weather modification board a weather modification
3 fund. Any taxes or other funds received by the weather modification
4 board shall be placed in the fund and used exclusively for the purpose
5 of artificial weather modification as provided in this Act.

1 SEC. 5. Upon request of the weather modification board, the coun-
2 ty board of supervisors shall submit to the owners and tenants of agri-
3 cultural land in the county at any general election or special election

4 called for that purpose, the question of whether a tax not to exceed
 5 two cents per acre shall be levied annually on agricultural land. No-
 6 tice of the election shall be published each week for two consecutive
 7 weeks in a newspaper of general circulation throughout the county.
 8 The notice shall include the date and time of the election and the ques-
 9 tion to be voted upon. A majority of the agricultural landowners and
 10 tenants voting shall determine the question.

1 SEC. 6. The weather modification board shall annually submit a
 2 budget request to the county board of supervisors. If the annual tax
 3 levy is approved as provided in section five (5) of this Act, the
 4 weather modification board shall determine the tax levy needed, not
 5 to exceed two cents per acre on agricultural land, to meet the budget
 6 request. The tax shall be levied by the board of supervisors and col-
 7 lected at the same time and in the same manner as other property
 8 taxes.

1 SEC. 7. If a tax levy has been authorized under section five (5)
 2 of this Act, the county board of supervisors shall, upon receipt of a
 3 petition signed by at least one hundred owners and tenants of agri-
 4 cultural land located in the county, submit to the owners and tenants
 5 of agricultural land at any general election or special election called
 6 for that purpose the following question: "Shall the power to levy a tax
 7 for the administration of an artificial weather modification program
 8 be cancelled?" Notice of the date and time of election and the ques-
 9 tion to be voted upon shall be published each week for two consecu-
 10 tive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation throughout the coun-
 11 ty. If a majority of the agricultural landowners and tenants voting
 12 favor the question, no further tax levy as provided in section six (6)
 13 of this Act shall be made.

Approved March 17, 1972.

CHAPTER 1087

CITY ANNEXATION AGREEMENTS

S. F. 1198

AN ACT to allow cities and towns to extend agreements to refrain from annexing specifically described territory.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 SECTION 1. Section three hundred sixty-two point twenty-six
 2 (362.26), Code 1971, is amended by adding the following new subsec-
 3 tion:
 4 "8. Agreements entered into between cities and towns to refrain
 5 from annexing specifically described territory may be extended for
 6 periods of not to exceed ten years by agreement between such cities
 7 and towns."

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